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Overview

This chapter contains the omnibus gambling bill as passed. It makes a number of technical changes to various lawful gambling provisions.

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- Annual audit. Raises the threshold amount required to trigger an automatic audit of an organization licensed to conduct lawful gambling. Previously, any organization with gross receipts from lawful gambling in excess of \$500,000 were required to have an audit. Under this chapter, that threshold is raised to \$750,000.
- **Bonding.** Changes the bonding requirement for linked bingo provider license applications. Previously, a bond of \$100,000 was required. Under this chapter, the bond can be in any amount, but not less than \$100,000.
- Off-site permits. Raises the number of events a licensed organization may conduct outside of their licensed facilities from four annually to twelve annually. The off-site events are subject to similar oversight by the gambling control board.
- **Deposits.** Prior to this chapter's enactment, gross receipts from electronic pull-tab and bingo games were treated differently from other forms of lawful gambling in respect to record keeping and deposit requirements. This chapter removes that differential treatment so that receipts from electronic pull-tabs and bingo are treated the same as paper games. Receipts must be recorded daily and deposited in the gambling bank account within four business days, a change from two days previously allowed.

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Pull-tab records. This section increased the amount of a win necessary to trigger mandatory record keeping by licensed organizations. Under this law, any player who wins \$100 or more on a single paper pull-tab must present photo identification, and the organization must maintain these records for a statutory period.

- **Pull-tab reporting.** This section allows the commissioner of revenue to require a one-time closing of all active pull-tab games. Under current law, pull tab revenues are not reported until the games are closed, and there is no uniform system for closing a game. If the commissioner required a one -time closing for all games, it would be possible to move to a uniform system of reporting on a monthly basis, allowing for more accurate tracking of sales and revenues.
- 7 **Effective date.** This act became effective on May 21, 2013.